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OF THERMAL EXPANSION

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated March 29, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on <u>June 29, 2004</u>. A Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is filed herewith extending the time for response up to and including <u>September 29, 2004</u>. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.